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**DATE:** May 19, 2014

**TO:** Local WIC Coordinators and Nutrition Coordinators

**SUBJECT:** **Changes – Cheese as Milk Substitution - Effective June 1, 2014**

To implement the following WIC food package final rule, the Food & Formula Reference Guide (FFRG) - Formula Listing & Guidelines have been updated:

<b>Cheese as Milk Substitution – Effective June 1, 2014</b>	
<b>Old Rule (Interim Rule)</b>	With medical documentation, additional amount of cheese could be issued beyond the substitution rate.
<b>New Rule (Final Rule)</b>	<p>No longer allows cheese to be issued beyond established substitution rate, even with medical documentation. (Federal Register/Vol. 79, No.42/Tuesday, March 4, 2014 / Rules and Regulations (Page 12280))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For women in the fully breastfeeding food package, no more than 2 pounds of cheese may be substituted for milk.</li><li>• For children and women in the pregnant, partially breastfeeding and postpartum food packages, no more than 1 pound of cheese may be substituted.</li></ul>

Please share the updated FFRG with all of your staff. If you have any questions and/suggestions, please feel free to contact Takako Tagami at [takako.tagami@health.mo.gov](mailto:takako.tagami@health.mo.gov).

(TWO ATTACHMENTS)

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